COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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DATE: April 26, 2011

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE FILE NO. SH2266356

FROM: ERIC B. SMITH, COMMANDER
LEADERSHIP AND TRAINING DIVISION

TO: JOSEPH M. GOODEN, CAPTAIN
INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

SUBJECT: **EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE DISPOSITION:**
DEPUTY TELLY S. TAYLOR #[redacted]
CARSON STATION

On May 10, 2010, Deputy Telly Taylor was off-duty and shopping in Walgreens in the city of Lakewood. Deputy Taylor was unaware two suspects, armed with handguns, had entered the location and began moving the store employees toward the manager's office. As they reached the aisle that led to the office door, the suspect's noticed Deputy Taylor standing in the aisle.

At gun point, the suspects ordered Deputy Taylor to enter the manager's office. Deputy Taylor initially complied but soon came to the realization that the suspects would soon discover his affiliation with law enforcement. He was fearful of what the suspects would do to him at that point.

As Deputy Taylor walked down the hallway leading to the manager's office, he saw one of the suspects was still in the aisle and was not looking at him. Deputy Taylor drew his revolver from his pants pocket, identified himself as a deputy sheriff, and fired one round at the suspect. The suspect flinched as though he was hit and both suspects ran from the store.

Deputies from Lakewood Station conducted a search for the suspects but they were not located.

On April 14, 2011 the Executive Force Review Committee convened and conducted a review regarding the facts of this case. The applicable policies that were evaluated by the committee were: MPP §§ 3-01/025.00, Use of Force; 3-01/025.30, Use of Firearms and Deadly Force; 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force; and 3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards.

Concerning:

MPP § 3-01/025.00, Use of Force, MPP § 3-01/025.30, Use of Firearms and Deadly Force, and MPP § 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force, the Committee determined that the force used by Deputy Telly Taylor was reasonable and necessary and in compliance with Department policy.

MPP § 3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards, the Committee determined that the tactics employed by Deputy Taylor in this incident were within Department Policy.

Eric B. Smith

Eric B. Smith, Commander

EBS:RSP/rsp

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MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS

- Witness Administrative Rights forms
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Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Officer Involved Shooting

Report Date: 05/10/10	Bureau/Station/Facility: FORI/Lakewood Stn	Admin. Invest.? ☐	Hit? ☐

Incident Information

URN: 010-10806-1322-032

Date: 05/10/10 Time: 0442

City or Station: Lakewood

Location: 5829 Lakewood Boulevard

Nature of Incident: While off-duty, Deputy Taylor was shopping inside a "Walgreens" Store when he was approached by a suspect holding two store employees at gunpoint. The suspect directed Deputy Taylor and the employees into a small room which led to the store office. Deputy Taylor was able to draw his off-duty firearm and fire one time at the suspect. Deputy Taylor is pretty sure he hit the suspect. The suspect fled the location

Location Type (*circle one or more*): Backyard, Beach, (Business), Freeway, Industrial, Park, Parking Lot, Residence, Rural, School, Street, Other: Inside store

Lighting (*circle only one*): Darkness, Daylight, (Other), Street Lights

Weather (*circle only one*): (Clear), Cloudy, Fog, Rain

Distance: 6-8 ft

Incident Type (*circle one or more*): Accidental, (Armed Person), Fleeing Suspect, Foot Pursuit, Gun Take Away, Moving Vehicle, Sniper/Ambush, Startle, Struggle Involved, Traffic Stop, Unarmed Person, Unintentional, Vehicle Pursuit, Warrant Service, Warning Shot, Other: Robbery/off-duty

Initiated by (*circle only one*): Arrest Warrant, Call, Observation, One Person Unit, (Other), Search Warrant, Two Person Unit

Prior Activity (*circle only one*): Detective, Inmate Transport, (Other), Routine Patrol

Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy: 1

Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect: 0

Aero Unit? ☐ Canine Unit? ☐

Employee Witnesses

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (*circle only one*)	ShiftType (*circle only one*)
				EM PM Day	Regular Overtime Off Duty
				EM PM Day	Regular Overtime Off Duty
				EM PM Day	Regular Overtime Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

Supervisors

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	(*circle one or more*)
	N/A			On Duty; Present during shooting; Witness to shooting; Involved in shooting
				On Duty; Present during shooting; Witness to shooting; Involved in shooting

Watch Sergeant

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
	N/A (Off-Duty)		

Watch Commander

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
	N/A		

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Officer Involved Shooting

URN: 010-10806-1322-032

Rollout Information

Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Date Submitted	Date of Recommendation
05/10/10	0640	03/23/11	

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I
[redacted]	Strong	Eric	I.
[redacted]	Flores	Carlos	E.
[redacted]	Fredericks	Stefanie	R.

Shooting / Force Information

Method

- (AW) Arwen
- (BC) Baton:(Control)
- (BI) Baton:(Impact)
- (BF) Bodily Fluids
- (CN) Canine
- (CR) Carotid Restraint
- (CH) Choke Hold
- (CT) Control Holds:(Control Techniques)
- (TT) Control Holds:(Team Takedown)
- (TD) Control Holds:(Takedown)
- (CE) Chemical
- (OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
- (TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
- (EX) Explosives
- (FH) Firearm (Handgun)
- (FR) Firearm (Rifle)
- (FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
- (FO) Firearm (Other)
- (FB) Flashbang
- (FL) Flashlight
- (OE) Other Weapon: Edged
- (OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
- (OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
- (OO) Other Weapon: Other
- (PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
- (PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
- (PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
- (PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
- (PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
- (RS) Resistance
- (CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)
- (RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
- (HB) Restraint Device:Hobble (Legs Only)
- (TP) Restraint Device:Hobble (TARP)
- (RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
- (SP) Sap
- (SH) Shield
- (SG) 37mm Stinger
- (SB) Sting Ball
- (ST) Stun Bag
- (TR) Taser
- (UC) Uncooperative

Type of Injury

- (AB) Abrasion
- (BR) Bruise
- (BU) Burn
- (CP) Complaint of Pain
- (CO) Concussion
- (DH) Death
- (DI) Dislocation
- (DB) Dog Bite
- (FR) Fractures
- (GS) Gunshot
- (HB) Human Bite
- (LC) Lacerations
- (ND) Nerve Damage
- (OD) Organ Damage
- (PA) Paralysis
- (PW) Puncture Wound
- (SD) Soft Tissue Damage
- (ST) Sprain/Twists
- (UN) Unconscious
- (RM) Refused Med Treatment
- (NN) NONE

Body Part Injured

- (AD) Abdomen
- (AK) Ankle
- (AR) Arm
- (BK) Back
- (BT) Buttocks
- (CH) Chest
- (EL) Elbow
- (FA) Face
- (FE) Feet
- (FI) Fingers
- (GE) Genitals
- (GR) Groin
- (HD) Hand
- (HE) Head
- (HI) Hip
- (IN) Internal
- (KN) Knees
- (LE) Leg
- (NK) Neck
- (SH) Shoulder
- (WR) Wrist

Brand

- (AK) AK-47
- (BN) Benelli
- (BR) Beretta
- (BW) Browning
- (CH) Charter Arms
- (CO) Colt
- (DA) Davis Industries
- (GL) Glock
- (HA) Harrington & Richardson
- (HI) Hi Standard
- (HK) H & K
- (IT) Ithica
- (IV) Iver Johnson
- (JE) Jennings
- (LO) Lorcin
- (LU) Luger
- (MA) Marlin
- (MO) Mossberg
- (NC) NCI aka SKS
- (NA) North American
- (NO) Norinco
- (RA) Raven
- (RM) Remington
- (RG) RG
- (RI) RGI
- (RO) Rossi
- (SW) Smith & Wesson
- (SR) Sturm Ruger
- (ST) Sterling
- (TA) Taurus
- (WE) Weatherby
- (WN) Winchester
- (US) US Government
- (YY) Handmade (Inmate)
- (XX) Homemade (Non-Inmate)
- (ZZ) Other Brand

Caliber

- (9) 9 mm
- (10) 10 mm
- (12) 12 guage
- (20) 20 guage
- (21) .22-250
- (22) .22 caliber
- (23) .223 caliber
- (24) .243 caliber
- (25) .25 caliber
- (30) .308 caliber
- (35) .357 caliber
- (36) 30-60 caliber
- (38) .38 caliber
- (40) .40 caliber
- (41) .410 guage
- (44) .44 caliber
- (45) .45 caliber
- (50) 50 mm
- (SL) Slug
- (WW) Other caliber

FORCE APPLIED (one code per block)

Used By (E# or S#)	Used Against (E# or S#)	Method (Code)	Brand (Code)	Caliber (Code)	Authorized Weapon? (Y/N)	Authorized Ammunition? (Y/N)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
S#1	E#1	FH	ZZ	ZZ				
E#1	S#1	FH	SW	38	Y	Y	NN	

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Officer Involved Shooting
Involved Employee Information

URN: 010-10806-1322-032

Involved Employee

E 1

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name: Taylor		First Name: Telly	M.I. S.
Sex: M / Race: Black	Rank: Deputy Sheriff	Unit Assignment: [redacted]	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): Off-duty	
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): EM PM **(Day)**	ShiftType (*circle only one*): Regular Overtime **(Off Duty)**	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:	
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Interviewed? ☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 7	Duty Time (hrs): [redacted]	Clothing (*circle only one*): **(Plain Clothes no Vest)** / Plain Clothes w/ Vest / Raid Jacket no Vest / Raid Jacket w/ Vest / Uniform no Vest / Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:	
Age: [redacted]	Height: 6'00"	Weight: 185 lbs		
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]	PPC Qualification Date: [redacted]	Laser Training Date: [redacted]		
Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted]	Patrol Certification? [redacted]	Certification Unit: [redacted]	Prior Shootings? [redacted] / Number of Prior Shootings: [redacted]	Directed Force: [redacted]
Weapons Fired Brand: Smith & Wesson	Caliber: .38	# Shots: 1	Weapons Fired Brand: / Caliber: / # Shots:	
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name [redacted]		First Name [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name [redacted]		First Name [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]

E__

Employee #	Last Name		First Name	M.I.
Sex: / Race:	Rank	Unit Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): EM PM Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): Regular Overtime Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:	
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Interviewed? ☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:	Duty Time (hrs):	Clothing (*circle only one*): Plain Clothes no Vest / Plain Clothes w/ Vest / Raid Jacket no Vest / Raid Jacket w/ Vest / Uniform no Vest / Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:	
Age:	Height:	Weight:		
Range Qualification Date:	PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:		
Certified with Weapon Used? ☐	Patrol Certification? ☐	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings? ☐ / Number of Prior Shootings:	Directed Force: ☐
Weapons Fired Brand:	Caliber	# Shots	Weapons Fired Brand: / Caliber / # Shots	
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name		First Name	M.I.
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Employee #	Last Name		First Name	M.I.
Sex: / Race:	Rank	Unit Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): EM PM Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): Regular Overtime Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:	
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Interviewed? ☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:	Duty Time (hrs):	Clothing (*circle only one*): Plain Clothes no Vest / Plain Clothes w/ Vest / Raid Jacket no Vest / Raid Jacket w/ Vest / Uniform no Vest / Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:	
Age:	Height:	Weight:		
Range Qualification Date:	PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:		
Certified with Weapon Used? ☐	Patrol Certification? ☐	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings? ☐ / Number of Prior Shootings:	Directed Force: ☐
Weapons Fired Brand:	Caliber	# Shots	Weapons Fired Brand: / Caliber / # Shots	
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name		First Name	M.I.
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name		First Name	M.I.

Officer Involved Shooting
Suspect Information

Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name Unknown		First Name	M.I.
AKA Last Name		First Name	M.I.
Sex: M Race: Black	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: 5'10" Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☒	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make		Model:	Year:

S 2

Last Name Unknown		First Name	M.I.
AKA Last Name		First Name	M.I.
Sex: M Race: Hispanic	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☒	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make		Model:	Year:

S__

Last Name		First Name	M.I.
AKA Last Name		First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make		Model:	Year:

S__

Last Name		First Name	M.I.
AKA Last Name		First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make		Model:	Year:

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SUPPLEMENTAL NON-EMPLOYEE WITNESSES
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

Investigative Summary

Incident: Non-Hit Shooting
LASD Report: 010-10806-1322-032
IAB File: SH2266356

Opening Statement

On May 10, 2010 (Monday), Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants Eric Strong and Carlos Flores responded to 5829 Lakewood Boulevard, Lakewood, where off-duty Carson Station Deputy Telly Taylor fired one bullet from his department authorized, off-duty, .38 caliber handgun at an unknown, armed suspect during an attempted store robbery.

It is unknown if Deputy Taylor struck the suspect. Deputy Taylor stated that he believes he struck the suspect based on distance, aim, and the suspect's physical reaction when Deputy Taylor fired.

IAB Note: Deputy Taylor stated he saw the suspect "flinch" and he did not see any bullet impact in the aisle behind the suspect. Investigators and The Crime Scene analyst were unable to locate an expended projectile or impact mark.

Synopsis

Deputy Taylor was off-duty and shopping inside the Walgreens when two males entered the store via the front doors. Just after entering the store, the male black (Suspect 1) removed what appeared to be a silver semiautomatic handgun from the pocket of his hooded sweatshirt. He approached the cashier, while the male Hispanic (Suspect 2) walked down the south aisle of the store. Suspect 2 also possessed a handgun, but did not pull it out until he began walking around the store. Suspect 1 ordered the cashier to take him to the manager.

The cashier and Suspect 1 walked over to the manager, who was stocking shelves a few aisles away. Suspect 1 physically forced both the cashier and the manager to walk toward the manager's office, located on the north end of the store. Suspect 2 joined them and the two suspects forced the employees to walk down various aisles of the store. They gathered one additional male employee along the way. All the employees were ordered, at gun point, to walk to the manager's office where the money is kept. As they reached the aisle that led to the manager's office door, the suspects noticed Deputy Taylor standing in the aisle.

Deputy Taylor, who was wearing civilian clothing, had been unaware of the robbers entrance to the store and was still shopping when the suspects approached him. The suspect ordered Taylor, at gun point, to enter the manager's office. Taylor initially complied, but soon came to the realization that the suspects were probably going to search him. He believed the suspects would find his firearm, and/or his badge and identification concealed in his clothing. He feared what they would do to him upon learning his identity. Taylor was several feet inside the hallway leading to the manager's office when he turned toward Suspect 1, who was still in the store aisle. Suspect 1 was the only suspect in Taylor's line of sight. The suspect was still armed with a handgun and was looking to his right, distracted from Deputy Taylor. Deputy Taylor drew his revolver from his pants pocket, identified himself as a deputy sheriff, and fired one round at Suspect 1. The suspect flinched as though he had been hit, and both suspects immediately fled the store.

Deputy Taylor did not run after the suspects; instead, he remained with the store employees in the event there were more suspects in the store. Lakewood Station personnel responded and conducted a search of the area, including local hospitals. The suspects were not located.

Lakewood Station Detective Bureau initially handled the criminal investigation; however, Major Crimes Bureau detectives later assumed the handle based on information that the suspects had robbed other Walgreens stores in the weeks previous.

Although there was insufficient evidence to prove Suspect 1 had been hit, investigators were unable to locate the bullet fired by Deputy Taylor. A review of the store's video surveillance tapes revealed that Suspect 1 may have been wearing body armor.

Involved Personnel
Telly Taylor, Deputy, #[redacted]

Work History

Date of Employment: **04/22/99**
Date Assigned to Patrol:
Date Completed Patrol Training:
Date Assigned to Carson:
Prior Shooting Incident(s):
Prior Founded Force Incident(s):


[redacted]

IAB Note: [redacted]

Suspects

Suspect #1 - Unknown Male/Black, wearing a gray, hooded sweatshirt.

Suspect #2 - Unknown Male/Hispanic, wearing a black, hooded sweatshirt.

Civilian Witnesses



[redacted] DOB: [redacted] M/A, Store Employee

[redacted] DOB: [redacted] F/H, Store Employee

[redacted] DOB: [redacted] F/A, Store Employee

[redacted] DOB: [redacted] M/H, Customer

[redacted] DOB: [redacted] M/W, Store Employee

[redacted] DOB: [redacted] M/A, Store Employee

Injuries

None

Physical Evidence

One .38 caliber, Smith & Wesson revolver with one expended shell casing and four live .38 caliber rounds.

(1) Compact Disc containing security camera Video footage

IAB Note: **The video footage shows the suspects entering the store, some of their movement through the store, and them exiting. The footage does not show the shooting incident.**

Investigators Observations

The scene was the inside of a "Walgreens" store, the far north aisle (aisle 9) and Manager's Office. Aisle number nine was lined with a refrigerated display on one side (North) and bread items on the other side (South) **[Refer to EXHIBIT B]**.

Aisle 9 is the far north aisle and is adjacent to the north wall of the store. A door was located on the north side of the aisle. This door led to a small hallway, which opened into the interior of the refrigerated section, a small locker room area, and another doorway which led to the Manager's Office **[Refer to Diagram, EXHIBIT B]**. Inside the Manager's Office is where the safe and security camera equipment are located.

Weapon used by Deputy Taylor

Smith & Wesson, .38 caliber, revolver.

Weapon used by Suspects

Suspect #1
Semi-automatic handgun, silver, NFD (Not recovered)

Suspect #2
Semi-automatic handgun, black, NFD (Not recovered)

Property Damage

None

Criminal Investigator

Major Crimes Bureau Investigator Richard Alvarado #[redacted]

This Walgreens' robbery was part of a string of robberies that had been occurring at Walgreens stores across a wide geographic area. For this reason Major Crimes Bureau took over the investigation. To date two people have been arrested in conjunction with this string of robberies. Investigator Alvarado has not been able to connect the two people in custody with this incident.

Lighting and Weather Conditions

The incident occurred at approximately 0500 inside the store. The store was open and occupied. Lighting was bright and there were no obstructions.

IAB Interview of Deputy Telly Taylor

IAB Lieutenant Stefanie Fredericks checked to see that Lakewood Station Watch Commander, Lieutenant Ruth Daly, took reasonable steps to ensure that the involved deputy did not discuss the incident with uninvolved persons prior to being interviewed by the assigned investigators. In addition, IAB Lieutenant Fredericks checked to see if the watch commander attempted to have the involved deputy remain in the company of a supervisor until he provided a statement to the assigned investigators.

Deputy **Telly Taylor** was interviewed on May 18, 2010. This interview was audio recorded and the verbatim transcript is included in this investigation. Deputy Taylor wrote a supplemental report describing his actions and observations during this incident

[Exhibit A]. For his complete and detailed statement refer to the verbatim transcript in this case book and the digital audio file.

Deputy Taylor said he went into the Walgreens store to purchase snacks before going to work. Deputy Taylor entered the store with his Sheriff's Department identification with flat-badge, and his off-duty weapon in his coat pocket. While on "aisle 9" looking at snacks, he was approached by an armed, male suspect that was leading two female employees (Witnesses [redacted] and [redacted] at gunpoint. The suspect told Deputy Taylor to move with the employees, and directed them to a doorway along the north wall of the aisle.

Deputy Taylor moved with two employees toward the door and was pushed inside. Deputy Taylor said he and one of the employees entered the doorway together and he saw that it led to a small storage area with another doorway to the right **[Refer to Diagram, EXHIBIT B]**. Seeing they were being led into a small, enclosed area, Deputy Taylor feared that the suspect was going to search him, and locate his weapon and Sheriff's Department identification. Deputy Taylor said he knew once that happened the suspect was going to kill him and possibly the employees because they would be witnesses.

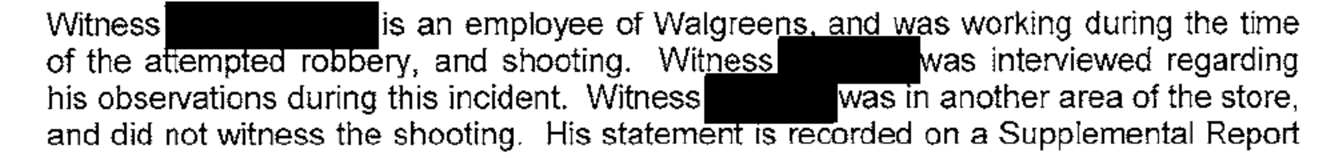
Fearing he and the other victims would be shot, Deputy Taylor looked at the suspect, and saw that the suspect was distracted by something outside of the doorway.

> IAB Note: **When Deputy Taylor looked at the suspect, the suspect was standing in the aisle several feet away from the door. The suspect's body was offset to the door frame. Deputy Taylor could see the partially bladed left side of the suspect as is depicted in Deputy Taylor's diagram [Exhibit E].**

Taking advantage of the suspect's distraction, Deputy Taylor drew his weapon from his pocket, announced that he was a Deputy Sheriff, and fired one round at the suspect.

Based on the distance, his aim, and the physical reaction of the suspect, Deputy Taylor felt pretty sure that he struck the suspect. The suspect turned, and fled out of sight. Deputy Taylor moved to a position by the office doorway, and instructed the employees to dial 911 while he held a position of cover in case the suspect should return. Deputy Taylor secured himself, and the other victims inside the Manager's Office, and called "911" on his cell phone to report the incident.

<u>**Witness Interviews**</u>



Witness [redacted] is an employee of Walgreens, and was working during the time of the attempted robbery, and shooting. Witness [redacted] was interviewed regarding his observations during this incident. Witness [redacted] was in another area of the store, and did not witness the shooting. His statement is recorded on a Supplemental Report

[Exhibit A].

Witness [redacted] was in the back of the store in the Pharmacy when he heard screaming. As he went to investigate, Witness [redacted] heard a gunshot. Witness [redacted] ran into the restroom and called "911."

Witness [redacted] is an employee of Walgreens [redacted] and was working at the time of this incident. Witness [redacted] was interviewed regarding her observations during this incident and the interview was audio recorded. For Witness [redacted] complete and detailed statement refer to the digital audio file and/or verbatim transcript.

Witness [redacted] said she was working on aisle 6 when she heard an employee (Witness [redacted] call her name. When Witness [redacted] looked up she saw a male suspect, wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt (Suspect 1) armed with a handgun walking behind Witness [redacted] Suspect 1 and Witness [redacted] were walking toward her, and Witness [redacted] said she knew what was going on without the suspect saying anything to her.

The suspect grabbed Witness [redacted] by the collar from behind, and began guiding her, along with Witness [redacted] through the store toward aisle 9 where the office is located.

As they made their way through the store they turned onto aisle 9 and came upon a man looking at snacks (Deputy Taylor). Suspect 1 directed Deputy Taylor to walk with them and Deputy Taylor seemed hesitant to go with them. Witness [redacted] urged Deputy Taylor to follow the suspect's directions, and Deputy Taylor went along with the suspect toward the store office.

Witness [redacted] said she and Deputy Taylor entered the doorway leading to the store office. The suspect and Witness [redacted] were behind them. Witness [redacted] was opening the key coded office door when she saw Deputy Taylor drop something on the floor. She then saw Deputy Taylor pull a firearm from his coat. Witness [redacted] heard Deputy Taylor announce he was a deputy, and fire a round at the doorway. Witness [redacted] was not looking toward the exterior door when the shot was fired, so she did not see where the round struck or the position of anyone near the doorway.

Witness [redacted] is an employee of Walgreens, and was working at the time of the attempted robbery, and shooting. Witness [redacted] was interviewed regarding her observations during this incident, and the interview was audio recorded. For Witness [redacted] complete and detailed statement refer to the digital audio file and/or verbatim transcript.

Witness [redacted] was working on one of the aisles in the store when she was approached by a male suspect wearing a hooded sweatshirt armed with a handgun

(Suspect 1). Suspect 1 had the hood of his sweatshirt pulled up and the drawstring was pulled tight, creating a very small opening for the suspect to see out. Witness [redacted] was unable to get a good look at the suspect's face.

The suspect asked Witness [redacted] if she was the manager, and she told him she was not. Suspect 1 directed Witness [redacted] throughout the store where they came across Witness [redacted] ([redacted]. The suspect then directed both employees to aisle 9, where the office is located. As they turned onto aisle 9, Witness [redacted] saw a male customer (Deputy Taylor) looking at some snacks. The suspect told Deputy Taylor to move toward the office door.

Witness [redacted] said Deputy Taylor was hesitant to follow the direction of the suspect, so she told Deputy Taylor to do what the suspect said. Deputy Taylor complied, and began walking with the two employees toward the door that leads to the inner office.

Witness [redacted] said Deputy Taylor and Witness [redacted] walked into the doorway first. Suspect 1 stopped just outside the doorway, and looked down the aisle at a second suspect. Witness [redacted] said the suspect was still holding her arm, and she heard a gunshot. Witness [redacted] pressed herself against the wall just inside the door, fell to the floor, and started crawling toward the office door. Witness [redacted] went into the office, and waited until law enforcement arrived.

Witness [redacted] was a customer inside Walgreens at the time of the incident. Witness [redacted] was interviewed regarding his observations during this incident, and the interview was audio recorded. For Witness [redacted] complete, and detailed statement refer to the digital audio file and/or verbatim transcript.

Witness [redacted] was inside the store but was not in the vicinity of the shooting when it took place. Witness [redacted] saw a male black (Suspect 1) walking with his arm around a female. As Witness [redacted] continued walking through the store, toward the front of the store, he was approached by a second male subject (Suspect 2), that grabbed him by the sweater and began pulling him toward the north portion of the store.

Witness [redacted] saw the suspect pull a silver handgun, and point it toward the store office door. Witness [redacted] heard a gunshot, and dropped to the floor. Witness [redacted] did not see anything further.

Witness [redacted] is an employee of Walgreens, and was working during the time of the attempted robbery, and shooting. Witness [redacted] was interviewed regarding his observations during this incident. Witness [redacted] was in another area of the store and did not witness the shooting. His statement is recorded on a Supplemental Report **[Exhibit A].**

Witness [redacted] was on the "Hallmark Card" aisle when he observed a male suspect walking through the store with Witness [redacted] A short time later the male suspect

approached Witness [redacted] and grabbed him by the back of the shirt, directing him toward the back of the store. When they reached the back of the store Witness [redacted] saw another armed suspect.

Witness [redacted] saw Witness [redacted] walking in front of the second suspect. Witness [redacted] continued walking toward the office. As he approached the doorway leading to the office, Witness [redacted] heard a gunshot and saw both suspects run out of the store.

Witness [redacted] is an employee of Walgreens, and was working during the time of the attempted robbery, and shooting. Witness [redacted] was interviewed regarding his observations during this incident. Witness [redacted] was in another area of the store and did not witness the shooting. His statement is recorded on a Supplemental Report **[Exhibit A].**

Witness [redacted] was working in the store when he heard a female scream. Witness [redacted] walked toward the front of the store to investigate the sound, and he saw his co-workers (Witness [redacted] and Witness [redacted] being pushed into the office area by a male, black suspect armed with a silver handgun (Suspect 1).

Witness [redacted] then saw a second suspect (Suspect 2), walking towards him while holding another male (Witness [redacted] by the sweater. Suspect 2 told Witness [redacted] to move to the back of the store. As Witness [redacted] began moving he heard a gunshot, and quickly ducked behind the photo counter. Witness [redacted] saw the suspects run out of the store, and did not see anything further.